

Alexandria Sheriff's Office Bulletin



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Six Graduate from Sheriff's Community Academy

This fall the [Sheriff's Office hosted our eighth class of the Sheriff's Community Academy](#), which gives Alexandrians the opportunity to learn firsthand about the Office's role in the local criminal justice system. Beginning on September 14, six participants spent the next four Saturday mornings exploring Sheriff's Office operations, engaging with staff, taking part in hands-on activities, and touring the Adult Detention Center and courthouse. After the last meeting on October 5, Sheriff Sean Casey presented each with a certificate of achievement and a Sheriff's Office challenge coin to recognize their graduation from the Sheriff's Community Academy. Congratulations to Steven Buttie, Scarlett Jiron, Christine Kandra, Avis Lewis, Kathleen Sander, and James Williams!



Sheriff Casey Honored with Community Builder Award

On October 10, [Alexandria-Washington Lodge #22 honored Sheriff Casey with its Community Builder Award](#) for his "tireless dedication and leadership in service and protection of our neighbors throughout Alexandria." The ceremony took place at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, and in presenting the award, Worshipful Master Nelo Allen Hamilton, Jr. noted several of Sheriff Casey's achievements, including expanding public safety and crime prevention services, strengthening partnerships with faith-based and community organizations, and launching employee wellness initiatives. The Community Builder Award is designed to show appreciation for outstanding community-oriented achievements of non-Masons.



Sheriff Casey Promotes Two to Lieutenant

This month Sheriff Casey promoted two new commanders. Congratulations to Lieutenant Branch and Lieutenant Ignacio! Since joining ASO in 2004, Lieutenant Branch has served in the Detention Center, Support Services, and Field Operations, and most recently was the Community Support supervisor. In addition to her regular duties, she is a long-time member of the Honor Guard. Lieutenant Ignacio joined ASO in 2019 and has served in Investigations, Policy and Oversight and in Field Operations. He is also a certified polygraph examiner and is active in community outreach and coordinating resources for special events.



Youth Outreach Fall Update

This fall the Sheriff's Office continues to be [active in community outreach, particularly to support children and teens](#). In addition to taking part in neighborhood and special events, deputies escorted Alexandria City High students for Project Sticker Shock (right) to discourage adults from purchasing alcohol for anyone underage. Deputies also provided a safety presence for elementary students on Bike and Walk to School Day, met with AVID students at Jefferson-Houston, and read to William Ramsay students during Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week. Finally, Lieutenant Branch is tutoring members of [Youngins In Progress](#), an initiative to aid Hispanic male teens at ACHS in their educational journey and Sheriff Casey is looking forward to participating as well.



Inmates Attend Hispanic Heritage Month Program

On October 3, [35 inmates celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month](#) with a lunchtime program conducted in Spanish and organized by the Inmate Services team. Attendees enjoyed a Mexican-style lunch and decorations highlighting the diverse cultures and achievements of Hispanic people. They also watched the movie "En el Tiempo de las Mariposas" and participated in a contest to identify flags of Spanish-speaking countries, with the first-place winner correctly identifying all 21 flags on display.



ASO Welcomes Donations for Operation Elf

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday season, the Sheriff's Office will once again be [hosting Operation Elf to help the families of inmates](#). We are now accepting gift donations of toys, books, games and gift cards for the children of incarcerated parents. Operation Elf not only assists families in need but also helps keep families connected during the holidays, encouraging a smoother transition once ex-offenders return to the community. Thank you for [downloading our Operation Elf flyer](#) to learn more!



Sheriff's Association and Office Collect and Deliver Helene Response Donations

The Alexandria Sheriff's Association recently organized a supply drive to help communities impacted by Hurricane Helene and donations came in from staff but also from dozens of thoughtful neighbors! Thanks to everyone who generously donated diapers, formula, pet food, personal care items, water and other much needed supplies. Deputies filled two pick-up trucks full and then delivered the supplies to our partners in southwestern Virginia.



October 26 is Drug Take Back Day

The next [Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 26](#) and deputies and police officers will be staffing five convenient locations for Alexandrians to safely dispose of expired and unwanted medications. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., stop by Alexandria Police Headquarters (3600 Wheeler Avenue), Fire Station 210 (5255 Eisenhower Avenue), The Neighborhood Pharmacy of Del Ray (2204 Mount Vernon Avenue), Walgreens Pharmacy at Bradlee Shopping Center (3614 King Street) or Woodbine Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center (2729 King Street) to drop off old and potentially dangerous prescription drugs.

